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With these offerings at the Academy, and the production of the play "His Last Dollar" at the Bijou, Richmond theatre-goers should find simple amusement for

The superlative degree must be used in describing three of the bills at the Academy, Mr. Mansfield is by many held to be the greatest actor in America; Miss Mabel Taliaferro, who plays Lovely Mary, in Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, is conceded to be, the greatest child actress in this country; M. J. Dwyer, the wrestler, is said to have never been defeated, and claims the middle-weight championship of America.

A big sporting event in Richmond should prove of considerable interest, for many are very rare occurrences, it has been years since any athlete exhibition has been given upon the stage of a Hichmond The superlative degree must be used in

been given upon the stage of a Richmond playhouse. The local sports will no doubt

playhouse. The local sports will no doubt turn out in full force to witness the matter between Pardeno and Dwyer. The production of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" will be an event of unusual interest. Mrs. Wiggs has made herself familiar to the public through the pages of the story by Alice Hegan Rice. The little book has been most widely read, and the public will be glad of the capacitantic to welcome in the flesh widely read, and the public will be glad of the opportunity to welcome in the flesh the quaint and motherly Mrs. Wiggs, for Mrs. Madge Carr Cook is said to almost live the part, so natural and life-like is her portrayal.

Miss Mahel Taliaferro, who plays Levely Mary, will be remembered for her splendid work in "The Children of the Glette", and in the fairy play presented

splendid work in. The Children of the Gletto," and in the fairy play presented as a curtain raiser when Mrs. Le Moyne and Otis Skinner produced "In a Balcony." Her work is that of an artist, and must in no way be compared with the usual exhibition of the "elever child the usual exhibition of the "clever child actress." Littla Miss Tallaferro sounds every syllable in pronouncing her name, though her father was a Virginian, and when in this State upon the occasion of her first professional visit she did not recognize her name when she heard herself called "Miss Tolliver."

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self called "Miss Tolliver."

The coming of the spring is as sure to bring out the amateurs as it is the blades of grass. The amateurs generally commence to sprout in February, and attain maturity with the full grown blossems of the spring. They flourish throughout the summer, and many of them survive the melancholy days and remain in full bloom throughout the winter.

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Years of hard work are required before the ambitious young man or woman can hope to gain the goal for which they are striving. That is the experience of those who have made their way up the ladder of fame.

During this month there will be several amateur productions of interest.

B. C.

into their hearts, frolics and corps, and

AT THE ACADEMY.

Monday Night, "Between Two Foes."
Tuesday Night, Richard Mansfield in "Old Heidelberg."
Wednesday Night, Pardello-Dwyer Wrestling Match.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," with Saturday matines.

AT THE BIJOU.

All the Week, "His Last Dollar."

The Academy has seldom offered attractions / more varied in their nature than those which will occupy the boards of that playhouse for six nights commencing to-morrow. The week's bill comprises, in the order named, war drama, by anateurs; the distinguished actor. Mr. Richard Mansfield; a wrestling match for championship honors, and the cabbage patch play.

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DAVID 'HIGGINS

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some of Richmond's amateurs have been
deservedly, successful in securing a foothold in the professional ranks. As yet,
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A Charming

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Elaborately

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world as a veritable child. It is now decided to send him to Heidelberg for a year's study at that university, and he is accompanied by Dr. Juttner, who has for fifteen years been his tutor and only confidant. Juttner, though an old man, broken in health, devoted to and in

Strength and Skill.

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Wednesday night will be one of novelty for Academy-goers, this evening being given over to the great wrestling match biletween Leo Pardello, the Italian champion, now of New York, and M. J. Dwyer, now of this city.

The match will be for best two out of three falls, the catch-as-catch-can style of wrestling being used, and the strangle lock being barred. As Pardello carries thirty pounds more than Dwyer, and has great skill in the art, the match may run for two hours and a half before the last fall is secured by the winner.

Dwyer is the middleweight champion

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Dwyer is the middleweight champion of this country, and has never been defeated. He will weigh 171 pounds Wednerday night, and will, of course, wrestle out of his class. But he has defeated men who have won from Pardelle after hard struggles, and the match will be well balanced. Dwyer taught Roosevelt wrestling, and made of the President one of the most powerful men in this country. When he finished his course with the strenuous head of the nation he found that Roosevelt could keep him busy taking care of his middleweight laurels. Pardello has been meeting all comers in New York this whiter, and his manager, who will accompany him to Richmond, says that he feels sure of getting the two falls out of Dwyer.

"Mrs, Wiggs."

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Mrs. Madge Carr Cook, who is said to have scored a great hit as Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, in the Libeler and Company production of that title, will be seen in that beautiful role at the Academy on Thursday Friday, Saturday and Saturday matinee, The part bids fair, through the expert art of this temperamental comedicane, to become one of the great and immortal creations of the American stage. Quaint, motherly, Mrs. Wiggs is already a lamiliar figure, and her happy sayings, so full of homely wisdom and genuine humor, have become household words throughout the land.

Her own deep human sympathies have touched the responsive chords of common humanity everywhere, until she may, without exaggeration, be truly said to have become a universal creation that will live in the public mind. She stands, too, as a distinct, type of American

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hearts. The sunshine of her nature dries up the tears of Unings. She gladdens us with her unfailing philosophy of cheerfulness and it cannot but make everyone of us braver for the roal battle of life and struggle against every-day worries to take a look through the rose-colored spectacles of Mrs. Wiggs, it will be a public benefaction, indeed, if this leipful, wholesome, spothing character shall only receive, as is to be almost confidently hoped, her ideal incurnation in the fesh and blood portrayal by Mrs. Cook in this and blood portrayal by Mrs. Cook in this new book drams.

His Last Dollar.

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At the Bljou Theatre week opening Monday, February 18th, will be presented for the first time in this city "His Last Dollar," a new American play by David Iliggins and Baldwin G. Cooke. This attraction is under the management of Messrs. Stair and Nicolai, and is as complete as a due attention to every requirement can make it. The story of the play, as its title would indicate, relates to the money side of affairs, and tells the incidents, incurred by a rich young Westerner, who comes to New York to clean up Wall Street with the usual result. Mr. David Higgins, who has appeared with success in other plays from his pen, will create the role of Joe Braxton, the Westerner, and the heroine is Eleanor Downs, the Kentucky girl, who has brought her horse East to run in the great Futurity with the nope of thereby retrieving the fallen fortunes of her invalid father.

The play shows the inner side of the racing subject. It deals with that deep love and veneration for the Kentucky thoroughbred that has resulted in the wonderful development of the race horse. The paddock scene is the only one shown and the actual race is not seen. The poil room scene in New York, where private gambling on the races is depicted, is only a representation of what occurred all over the country at the period of the play, and is a faithful repriduction of an old New York downtown residence, turned into a secluded corner near Wall Street, to which the bulls and bears, brokers, clerks and magnates would slip away to place a qulet bet or two. The story is strong in action and is well contrasted in theme and treatment. A large and strong cast is said to give the play' a competent production.

The play will be presented the entire week with the usual mathness Tuesday,

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Between Two Foes.

"Between Two Foes," a war drama, will be presented at the Academy tomorrow night by amateurs for the benefit of the Richmond Blues. Those in
the cast have been hard at work for
some weeks, and a clever performance is
expected. There is some very good talent in the cast, which includes one profreshoral. Mr. Horbert Christ. fessional, Mr. Herbert Curtis,

KING GEORGE GAY.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) KING GEORGE, VA., Feb. 13.—The winter which is rapidly drawing to a close has been one of the most pleasant socially in King George for many a year. The cold, which prevented any farm work from being done, gave the young people the finest skating over known here, and the sleighting was superb.

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The many sociables, parties and pleasant gatherings, have made the season in every way delightful.

Mrs. Jennie Payne, has given several large parties recently in honor of her two bright daughters, who are among the attractive young laddes of King George.

Mrs. Margaret Treakle, entertained a large party of young people at her hospitable home near Alden, and flinch and pit were greatly enjoyed by the large company present.

Mr. and Mrs. William Montague have

pit were greatly enjoyed by the large company present.

Mr. and Mrs. William Montague have just given one of their delightful receptions, followed by an evening of rare enjoyment to all who were present. A sumptuous supper was served to the large number of friends who called during the evening which was partaken of with the evening, which was partaken of with a zest that attested the appreciation of

the delicated see appreciation of the delicates so charmingly served. Contracts for the growing of tomatoes the coming season for the King George canneries are being distributed, and many of the farmers are planning to raise large crops to supply teh canneries, which were unusually successful last year.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., Feb. 13.—Mrs. J.
AL Love is visiting her mother, Mrs.
W B. Daingerfield.
Mrs. E. L. Daingerfield and her two
daughters, Misses Sallie and Mary, are
spending a few weeks in Florida.
A reception was held on Saturday at
the residence of Mrs. Cummings in honor
of her guests, Misses Judkins and Acco.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Boswell, who
have been visiting friends in this city,
have returned to Norfolk.
Mr. Powell Brooks, of this city, is visilling friends in Winchester,
Mr. John A. Marshall and family are
in New Orleans attending the Mardl
Grus.

A reception was held Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Alfred Thomson in honor of her guest. Mrs. Geer, of Bal-timere.

THE CITY OF DURHAM.

(Special to The Times-Disratch.) URHAM, N. C., Feb. 15.—Captain and Mrs. J. R. Relm lave announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary MacAllister, to Mr. J. Paul Taylor, the marriage to take place in June.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. John Sprunt Hill and Master George W. Met. Mrs. John Sprunt Hill and Master George Watts Hill have gone to Palm Beach, Piorida, where they will spend some two works or more. There are several North Chrolintans already there, among them being Mrs. L. L. Morehead, of this city, and Mr. Lawrence S. Holt, of Alamance county, Mrs. Rufus L. Patterson. of New York, a daughter of Mrs. Morehead, is also there.



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RICHMOND, VA.

THE WEEK IN NORFOLK.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 13.—Miss Alice
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Relly was the charming hostess at a
card party given in honor of Misses
Miller and Baxter, of Saunton. Miss
Baxter won the first ladles' prize, a beautiful hat pin, and Mr. Albert Serpeil won
the gentlemen's first prize, a picture
frame, which he presented to Miss Miller.
The consolation was drawn by Mr. V. W.
Zech. Y. Among Miss Kelly's guests were
Miss Baxter and Miss Miller, of Staunton.
Miss Fannie Royster, Miss Belle
Truxtun, Miss Edna Hunter and Miss
Minor Oley, of Lynchburg, and Miss Conrai, of Winchester; Midshupmen Halsoy,
Ragby and Caffee, U. S. N.; Messrs, P.
R. Jones, C. Whittle Sams, George McP.
Miss Bruce, of Emporia, who has been
the guest of Mrs. Richard McIlwaine for
several weeks, has returned home.
Mir. John Westbrook is back from a
New York trip.
Miss Kate Farley, of Fayetteville, who
has been the guest of Miss Fannie Culhas been the guest of Miss Fannie

and Mrs. Alexander M. Agelasto, Mr. have gone to Baltimore on a visit.

Miss Elizabeth Bowdoin, who has been
the guest of Mrs. Lee, in Richmond,
has returned home.

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Mrs. Wyndham R. Mayo, Jr., has gone to Battimore to visit her relatives in that city.

Mr. William T. Royster has returned from an extended Southern tour.

Mrs. Shirley Carter entertained the Embro dery Club this week.

The decision of the former members of the auxiliary of Plekett-Buchanan Cnapter, United Daughters of the Contectracy, to form a new chapter here their auxiliary having been disbanded by the parent chapter, has excited much comment. Two names nave been suggested for the new organization: One of them is Dixie Chapter, but the one which appears to meet with the greatest favor is the Father Ryan Chapter. The South's great poet was a native of Norfolk, and that the new chapter should be named in his honor is deemed peculiarly fitting.

GLOUCESTER PEOPLE.

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GLOUCESTER C. H., VA., Feb. 13.—
Mr. A. W. Withers has returned from a trip to New York.

Mr. William C. L. Tallaferro, of Hampton: spent a few days last week at Dunham Massie."

Mr. Young, the solicitor, for the Old Deminion Steamship Company, spent Tucsday and Wednesday in the county.

Miss Anne Page Vandergrift is Visiting Mrs. John Furland, in Kichmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Josoph McKee and Miss Page, of "Hope Haven," went to Norfolk on Tucsday for a few days. Mr. McKee has made many improvements in his newly purchased home.

Miss Nora Tallaferro gave a delightful heuse-party last week at Gloucester Point, Misses Mary Brooke Byrd, Mary Page Lee, Fanny T. James, and Messrs. Themas Harwood, Bouldin, George B. and Albert Tallaferro being this guests.

Mrs. Mather Wallis and Miss Julia Wallis have returned from Baitimore.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Nainferro went to Norfolk this week for a few days.

Mrs. Eanley and Miss Clara Stanley, of Massachusetts, who have been visiting Mrs. F. P. Dabney, have gone to Washington.

Mrs. Lewis M. Byrd has returned from a visit to her parents in Oliange county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Jones expect to leave goon for Florida.

Major W. K. Ferrin, who has been sick, is much improved.

Mrs. Manton. of Buffalo, who has been at "The Rectory," is in Norfolk for a Visit Maretta Slingluff has returned from a stay of some menths in Baltimore.

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Miss Charlotte Seden, the popular
daughter of Mrs. Robert Selden, was
married on Tuesday to Mr. Eugene
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FREDERICKSBURG SOCIETY.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Fob. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Church entertained their friends Friday night at their hospitable residence, on Hanovar Street, with the game of hearts and a guessing contact, and an elegant supper was served during the evening. The oulline of the face of every guest was drawn on a large sheet of paper by Mr. Church from the shadow cast upon it. These were numbered and placed about the from Miss Mamle Myer secured the first prize for guessing the greatest number of names correctly, and Dr. J. P. Stiff, the gentleman's prize.

Alies Evans won the bonby, hiss Euclib Fates contertained her

turned from a visit to Baltimore.

Miss Rose Roach is visiting her siste
Mrs W. C. Davis, in Richmond.

FRANKLIN MURPHY,

EDWARD L. DOBBINS,

ROANOKE, VA.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., Feb. i3.—A delightful valentine receiption was given by Mrs. Dr. W. d.
Gregory at her handsone home on Ninth
Avenue, Southwest, Wednysday afternoon from
3 to 6. The house was artistically decorated
in green and orange, initiax, flowers, plants
and ribbons forming the decorations. From the
balcony a string orchesta dispensed sweet
music, enlivening the scene of gayety. Mrs.
Gregory was assisted in receiving by Mrs.
Marshall and Mrs. Roy B. Smith. Mrs. O. S.
Marston presided at the punch bowl. In the At the conclusion of the game dainty refreshments were served.

The Fredericksburg College boys gave their annual gymnasium exhibition at the Opera House Friday night before an appreciative audience. The young athlets performed many feats requiring grace, strength and endurance, and were heartily applauded.

Mijor Charles A. Mason, of Chilicothe, Opio who has been visiting relatives in this city, has returned home.

Miss Lizzle Hurkamp attonded the marriage in Washington this week of her friend, Miss Annie MacLood, to Mr. J. M. Eyster.

Miss Edith Barber, daughter of Rev. H. H. Barber, has gone to Red Springs, N. C., where she will remain some time.

Miss Busie M. Bradley has returned to her home here, after a visit of several weeks to relatives in Baltimore.

Miss J. E. Childs, who has been visiting hy mother, Mrs. James Roach, has returned to her home here, after a visit of several weeks to relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Horne, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. R. A. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Embrey have remained the respective and Mrs. A. W. Embrey have remained the matter of Nar. R. A. Williams.

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August Grocery Co.'s **Annual Clearing Sale.**

All next week, at our three stores, we will sell all kinds of GROCERIES and PROVISIONS at record-breaking prices, in order to get rid of surplus stock before the summer dull season.

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Teas.	pounds best Green or Mixed the 50c kind, a 30c
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ground	pounds best Black Pepper, i, formerly 20c, dur- le, a pound
Pren	nium Chocolate, 150 10c
Crov for	vn Cocoa, 200 cans 12c

Large can best Tomatoes, 6C Large can String Beans, formerly 10c, during sale..., 6C August's Bottled Extracts. 5c formerly 10c, during sale..... August's Bottled Extracto, 3c Best Trish Potatoes, formerly 87c. during sale, a 27c Fresh Mixed Cakes, formerly 121-20, during sale, a 9c pound Best Ivory Starch, formerly 5c, during sale, a pack- 21/20

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